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Bonn Plans Major Cuts In Welfare Spending

Kohl Proposes to Trim Benefits for First Time Since World War II

By Ferdinand Protzman
New York Times Service
BONN — Struggling to cope with the huge costs of rebuilding formerly Communist Eastern Germany, the government in Bonn announced plans Wednesday to prune the nation's cradle-to-grave benefits by making what officials said were the first cuts in unemployment and welfare payments in postwar German history.



Tadeusz Mazowiecki, UN human rights representative and former Polish prime minister, arriving in Sarajevo on Wednesday for talks.

Yen and Trade Again Grab Spotlight

By Steven Brull
International Herald Tribune
TOKYO — The new government led by Morihiro Hosokawa had hoped to focus on political reform, but the spike in the Japanese trade surplus in July and surge of the yen to a postwar high on Wednesday served notice that thorny economic problems would remain at center stage.

ened 22.8 percent from a year earlier, to \$4.676 billion. The latest upswing in the yen, which acts like a choke on the Japanese economy, came just days after Mr. Hosokawa had formed a government bent on reforming Japan's corruption-plagued political system.

in the yen will press Mr. Hosokawa to make a choice that might increase friction with the nation's bureaucrats: deregulating an economic structure that prevents consumers from harnessing the power of what has become the world's strongest currency.

U.S. Warns the Serbs To Leave 2 Key Peaks To Escape Air Attacks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
WASHINGTON — The United States warned Wednesday that a refusal of the Bosnian Serbs to withdraw quickly from two strategic mountains overlooking Sarajevo could result in NATO air strikes.

kind of Serbian action might trigger a response by NATO aircraft already in the region. The State Department spokesman refused to be drawn out on when military action might begin. "I'm not going to speculate about when," he said. "I've told you that it is a day-to-day assessment that's being made."

Mr. McCurry said that the United States, through the secretary of state, is gathering considerable information about Serb conduct. A UN official denied that Lord Owen favors Sarajevo's partition. Page 6.

duct on the ground," adding, "obviously, at some point, if we decide we're going to do something with that information, you'll know about it."

Asians Resist a Western Media Invasion

As Murdoch Moves In, Concern Over Values and Revenues

By Kevin Murphy
International Herald Tribune
HONG KONG — As large Western media groups push for access to Asia's potentially vast markets, calls are being heard throughout the region for the protection of native customs and values.

kindle issues of Asian media tolerance and ownership. Mr. Mahathir lamented that control of STAR-TV was passing from a Hong Kong mogul, Li Ka-shing, and his Hutchison Whamou, to that of Rupert Murdoch and his News Corp. Mr. Murdoch, who was born in Australia and is a naturalized American, controls a vast publication, broadcasting and entertainment empire.

With an explosion in demand for programming under way in Asia, and with local sources unable to meet the needs of hundreds of new channels, cultural sensitivity cannot be guaranteed. Given a choice between a live Koran reading competition and a Madonna rock concert, many would choose pop culture.

French Rate Easing Spurs Markets

European share prices resumed their upward course and bond prices advanced on Wednesday in the wake of a modest Bank of France move to ease interest rates.

Table with market data including Dow Jones (Up 10.62), Trib Index (Up 1.06%), and The Dollar (New York, 1.7227).

A Capital's Insidious Sport

Suicide's Note Cites Washington Perfidy

By Gustav Niebuhr
Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Before he committed suicide, Vincent Foster Jr., the deputy White House counsel, wrote a note, apparently to himself, that read in part: "Here, ruining people is considered sport."

presidential appointments to the White House travel office firings, no personal scandal was attached to his name. But some believe that the political climate in the capital has grown harsher in recent years, a change that would be especially difficult for people unused to the place.



REMEMBRANCE — Rightist extremists defaced graves in Nijmegen, Netherlands, of British and other Allied soldiers who died at the World War II battle of Arnhem. Residents in Nijmegen went to the military cemetery Wednesday to see what had been defaced.

New York, Where Ethnic Is Out, Speech Therapy In

By Jennifer Steinbauer
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Weeks into an attempt to expunge her German accent, Marietta Maxime was still struggling with her *sichowanshian*.

He teaches senators how to drop their regional accents when they are in Washington, and how to pick them up again on the campaign trail. He extracts Puerto Rico, Poland and Brooklyn from executives, making linguistic footnotes from their dropped R's and soft J's.

against because of their accented English and actors looking to learn an accent for a role. Ms. Maxime seemed fluent enough, but Mr. Chwat said, "German accents don't go over too well here. The last time her manager told someone she was Swiss they said, 'Yeah, that's what they all say.'"

Kiosk

NATO Chief to Be Powell Successor

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton presented General John M. Shalikshvili of the army, the top NATO commander, to be chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and succeed General Colin L. Powell, who is retiring Sept. 30.

General News

Western Europe is showing its disaffection with politicians-as-usual. Page 2.

Business/Finance

China's trade deficit bulged as imports continued to soar. Page 9.

Aid to Russia appears to be held up by confusion over the ruble. Page 11.

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Doing the Bosnian Serbs' Work for Them

By David Rieff

PARIS—Faced with the real possibility of U.S. or NATO air strikes against Bosnian Serb positions...

provoked the threat of U.S. intervention, the United Nations rescued him by stepping up negotiations with him.

in Geneva, who refused to reconvene peace talks until the Serbs move out.

Serbian firepower, the peacekeepers would move further into the positions that air strikes would likely target...

Battling Their Way To Peace

By Abraham Rabinovich

JERUSALEM — For a generation, war has been the principal engine moving the Middle East toward peace.

Until the 1967 Middle East war, the Arabs had regarded the Jewish state as an aberrant replay of the Crusades...

The 1973 Arab-Israeli war would prove the greatest boon to peace since the Middle East conflict began.

For Israel, it was a trauma almost as great as the 1967 war had been for the Arabs.

One has to strain to see a similarity in the 1982 war in Lebanon, but it is there.

The war restored Arab pride, without which there could be no constructive dialogue with Israel.

The Arabs and Iran, on the other hand, have long assumed that Israel has nuclear arms.

The wisdom accumulated during 45 years of conflict was in evidence during last month's strife in Lebanon.

The dimensions of the Israeli operation were startling but it was not a blind lashing-out.

After a generation of hashing each other, Israel and most of the Arab states no longer see much point in it.

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Poison Gas on the Way?

As the Chinese ship Yin He slowly made its way from the Pacific to the Gulf, it became a symbol of the need for tighter sanctions against chemical weapons.

The Yin He is probably carrying a cargo of two chemicals that are ingredients of poison gas.

China has signed it, as well as the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Whether the Yin He will unload its cargo in Iran without further disclosure is at present an open question.

—THE WASHINGTON POST

Testing Time in Somalia

The killing of four American soldiers in a remote bomb explosion in Somalia has prompted new calls to withdraw American troops on duty there before more of them die and before the United States altogether loses its way.

Obviously, the rescue of Somalia is not the sort of fundamental national-interest mission for which Americans would want to pay any price.

peacekeepers, must be wondering about, too. On the southern Mogadishu, people are being fed; work proceeds on making a nation more or less whole and manageable.

Wise policy calls for decisions about the use of force by UN peacekeepers and about the degree of their exposure to combat risk.

—THE WASHINGTON POST

The Fight Has Just Begun

When Vice President Al Gore cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate on Friday, Congress ended a long battle over the administration's five-year economic program.

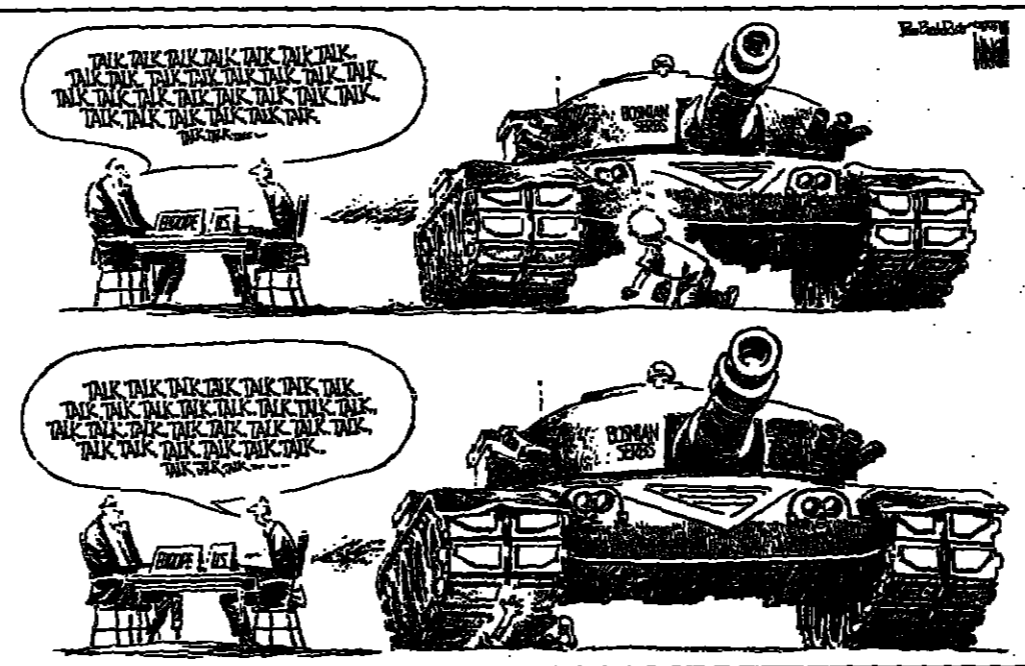
What Congress did last week was primarily to set taxes and spending formulas for entitlement programs, like Medicare and food stamps.

And to make matters worse for Mr. Clinton, members of his own party, like Representative Timothy Penny of Minnesota, want Congress to make an additional round of spending cuts this fall.

Conary to what the Senate minority leader, Bob Dole, and friends say, the five-year budget agreement has teeth.

President Clinton has proposed about \$50 billion in new investment spending over five years. If he is to get his way, Congress must take an equal amount out of old programs.

—Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong)



The Co-Chairmen Did Not Back the Serbs' Claims

By David Owen

The writer, representing the European Community, is co-chairman of the Bosnia peace negotiations in Geneva.

GENEVA — "Jim Owen's betrayal," as Lord Owen's article on this page yesterday might have been entitled, is founded on an untruth of a deep and unpleasant kind.

It is very clear from a report which Thorwald Stoltenberg and I wrote to the Security Council, and which was given to the press in Geneva on Saturday, that we did not feel it justified to ask President Alija Izetbegovic to accept the Serbian proposal.

SARAJEVO: This was the most contentious issue during discussions on the future map, with positions deeply entrenched. The passions aroused are intense.

The Serbs proposed that all of the inner city of Sarajevo would be in Muslim majority republic, and to make this possible, they are prepared to leave the area of Grbavica which they currently hold.

over the proposed boundaries a number of times, and since it is in the interests of all parties to allow the free flow of traffic on them, they would be under the Access Authority.

For President Izetbegovic, and many among the presidency and the opposition leaders who attended the talks in Geneva, the very idea of dividing the area surrounding Sarajevo from the city itself in any way is inconceivable.

On the other hand, the Serb side is equally adamant that Sarajevo is surrounded by areas which have been traditionally Serb for centuries, and which throughout the war have remained in Serb hands, and

that these areas should be in the Serb majority republic. They intend that the capital of the Serb majority republic would be built around the Serb settlement of Ilidza.

The Serb side would undertake to construct a bypass on the territory of the Muslim majority republic linking the main Mostar road to the Zenica road and would be responsible for building another bypass linking the Zenica road to the main Tuzla-Sarajevo road east of Ilidza.

Under these circumstances, the co-chairmen are driven to the belief that it may not be possible to negotiate a permanent solution in Sarajevo for some time.

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Economic Spying Should Have Limits

By Marvin Ott

WASHINGTON — At his confirmation hearing, R. James Woolsey Jr., the CIA director, observed that "economic intelligence is the hottest current topic in intelligence policy."

The issue is a natural outgrowth of the quest to restore the international competitiveness of the U.S. economy, particularly in advanced technology industries.

Could the intelligence community really provide commercially valuable data when the needs of most companies are highly specific to their products and operations?

"Economic intelligence" can refer to international trends; trade policies, strategies and objectives of other governments; efforts by foreign governments to steal proprietary secrets; unfair tactics employed in

competition with U.S. firms; transactions involving narcotics or terrorism; environmental trends, and commercial proprietary data held by foreign companies.

The CIA is widely assumed to be an enthusiastic proponent of industrial espionage. But the opposite is the case. Intelligence professionals are acutely aware of the hazards.

There is scope and need for an increased intelligence effort to provide policymakers with a better, more fine-grained understanding of international economic developments.

The writer, a professor at the National War College, has worked as a senior analyst at the CIA and on the staff of the Senate intelligence committee. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

unappreciative of the difficulty in acquiring it? Would the government be prepared to violate international accords regarding intellectual property and legal requirements (rights of foreign firms under U.S. law) to engage in industrial espionage?

Most difficult, what in fact is a U.S. company in an era of proliferating foreign subsidiaries, joint ventures, international holding companies and partial equity ownership?

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Suffrage at Issue

PARIS—While the official and military world in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy appears preoccupied with the presence of the German Emperor at the Hungarian army maneuvers, public attention is taken up with the question of universal suffrage.

1943: Frustrated Troops

WITH THE 7TH ARMY IN SICILY [From our New York edition] The Sicilian campaign is a month old. The final days of the slow and undramatic progress toward Messina, and of anticlimactic victories over the Axis forces, still clinging to the northeast peninsula, will ensue.

1918: Battlefield Lunch

WITH THE FIGHTING ARMIES—The General Staff of the French army which is pursuing the Germans east of Montdidier is bivouaced to day [Aug. 11] in an open field having dugger from baskets with the aid of jackknives and keeping track with the march of events by the study of maps tacked to tree trunks.

boxes abandoned by the enemy. Mounted dispatch riders, replacing the telephone and telegraph, are galloping through all this disorder, over upheaved earth, leaping over shell holes, trenches and breaks to maintain communication with the rear.

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OPINION

The Liberal Republicans Ought to Revert to Form

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — It is hard not to like moderate and liberal Republicans. For the most part, they are terribly nice and exceedingly reasonable. They usually rate high on thoughtfulness and integrity. Many in their ranks — one thinks, for example, of Representative Jim Leach and Senators John Chafee and Nancy Landon Kassebaum — seem to carry "widely respected" as automatic, computer-generated prefixes to their names.

The moderates and liberals in the Republican Party have been an innovative lot, since they often try to prove that they are as activist and compassionate as Democrats, but in a prudent, frugal way.

The Ripon Society, that venerable remnant of moderate Republicanism, was in the vanguard on behalf of such ideas as the all-volunteer army, federal revenue sharing with states and cities, and the negative income tax, the precursor of today's earned income tax credit designed to help the poor while creating work incentives. The left end of the Republican Party has also usually been highly principled on issues involving civil rights and civil liberties.

If this reads like a friendly obituary, that is exactly the point. After the battle over President Bill Clinton's budget, one has to ask: What's the point of moderate Republicanism? By voting in lockstep with the other members of their party against the Clinton plan, and by pledging to do so early, the moderate Republicans contributed to the sort of fierce partisanship that they usually condemn.

As a result, the debate was missing a point of view that could have leavened the process. Moderate Republicans surrendered control of their party's argument to the harshest anti-tax voices. By narrowing the base of votes on which a deal would pass, they defeated some purposes for which they claimed to stand.

The failure of even a single Republican to help President Clinton has generally been blamed on the administration itself. And it is true that starting with its stimulus package, the White House mishandled its dealings with potential Republican allies and underestimated how hard it would be to do a one-party deal.

When the administration was flying high after the president's February State of the Union speech, the prevailing view among Clintonites seemed to be that no Republican votes would be needed to pass the president's proposals — and that some would come along anyway in a stampede to a popular president.

The stimulus fight stopped the stampede dead, and Republican moderates — in a reaction that was sincere but also convenient — rebelled against the highly partisan tactics of Senator Robert Byrd, who, they said, made it impossible for them to cross party lines.

But placing all the blame for the fail-

ure of bipartisanship on Mr. Clinton or Mr. Byrd underestimates the extent to which liberal Republicans moderates themselves found it opportune to stick with their party and duck a tough vote. The moderates could say that of course they understood that some taxes were needed to cut the deficit and of course entitlements needed to be brought under control. Sadly, they concluded, this package had too many taxes and not enough entitlement cuts. It all sounded so reasonable, and no doubt the Republican moderates meant every word. But there was some crocodile in those tears.

In forcing the Democrats to do all the work, the progressive Republicans abdicated responsibilities that they had once taken seriously. The political savvy of the Congressional Black Caucus has rightly been seen as one of the big stories of this budget fight. What has not received enough attention is that the program's income caucus fought for — the earned income tax credit and empowerment zones to spur investment in the inner city — represented precisely the innovative approaches to reducing poverty that moderate Republicans (and New Democrats) are supposed to champion.

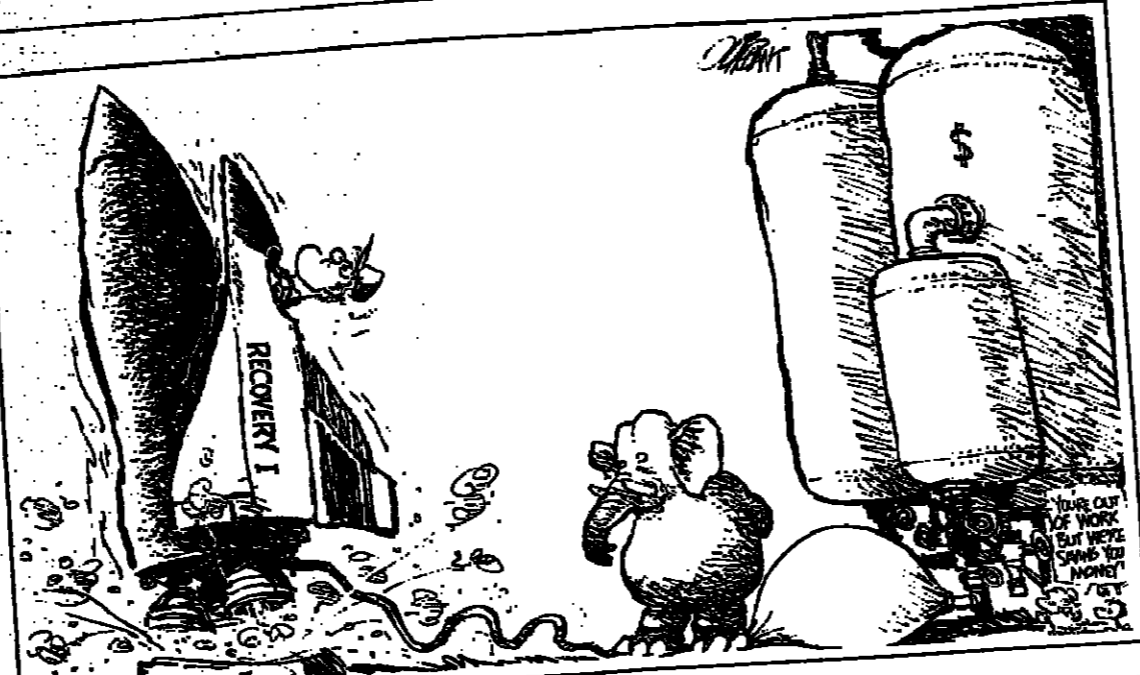
Also picking up the slack for the Republican moderates was Representative Tim Wainwright, the maverick Minnesota Democrat whose decision to retire will deprive Congress of one of its more innovative members. The difference between Mr. Wainwright and the legislators — moderate Republicans and conservative Democrats alike — who fled this budget bill is that he clearly meant what he said when he talked of the need for both new taxes and more spending cuts. He got no help from Republicans who agreed with him on many of the particulars.

In fairness, it must be said that amid all the partisanship of the last six months, a few moderate Republicans were willing to break ranks in support of national service and campaign finance reform.

It also must be conceded that it is not easy being a Republican moderate. The 1960s saw a kind of ideological purification in both parties. There is much to be said for philosophically coherent parties and for one-party talking full responsibility for government does. Voters at least know whom to credit or blame.

But the moderate Republicans claim to believe in bipartisan approaches and trade on their moderation in election years. Before Congress comes back, the failure of the moderate Republicans to give the Albanian community in Macedonia the rights it was committed to edonia the rights it was committed to give, such as proportional representation in the state apparatus, more schools and an Albanian university and more access to the national media.

Last but not least, the Macedonian Constitution should be changed so that it does not discriminate against any eth-



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Albanian Camps, the Balkan War and the Rights of Serbs

Regarding "Demilitarize Bosnia or the Storm Will Spread South" (Opinion, July 31) by Misha Glenzy: The article quotes an unidentified senior Bosnian official as saying that Bosnia intended to use a refugee camp for Bosnian Muslims in Albania as a base for guerrillas to be sent into Kosovo. The assumption that Albania can tolerate the training of Bosnian refugees for terrorist activities in the camps is of-fending to them is totally unfounded.

Giving shelter to people in need is a longstanding Albanian tradition that benefited many Montenegrins and Bosnians before World War II, the Jewish community when Albania was occupied by the Nazis, and numerous Greeks, who, because of the political and military circumstances in their homeland, fled to Albania in the late 1940s.

Now, Albania is receiving thousands of refugees from Bosnia — mostly women and children — despite its limited resources. But this only and nothing else is foreseen in the respective talks and agreement with the Bosnian authorities.

The Albanian government would never allow any use of these camps for other purposes and will provide access for anybody who might wish to check them.

As for the Albanian "no" vote on admission of Macedonia to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, it was only conditioned by the failure of the Macedonian government to give the Albanian community in Macedonia the rights it was committed to.

Last but not least, the Macedonian Constitution should be changed so that it does not discriminate against any eth-

nice group. Tirana's vote was not cast in support of any other "radical" demand. The Albanians in Macedonia, by their one-year-old participation in the government, are crucially supporting the internal stability of that young state. The Albanians in Kosovo, despite apartheid-like repression, have a peaceful and tolerant attitude under the leadership of Ibrahim Rugova.

Many leaders of the international community have publicly recognized that Albania, through its commitment to peace and the easing of tensions, its opposition to any violent change of borders and its realistic policy has made a major contribution to stability in the southern part of the Balkan peninsula.

GENC POLO,  
Presidential Spokesman,  
Tirana, Albania.

Courts Will Now Decide

Anthony Lewis ("A Modern Tale of Two Cities, Both of Them Named Singapore," Opinion, Aug. 7-8) says that Dr. Chee Soon Juan was fired "ostensibly" for missing about \$130 in university funds. The government has published all the facts concerning Dr. Chee's dismissal, and cited multiple instances of Dr. Chee's dishonesty. He had concealed the use of university funds to mail his wife's thesis for purposes of her Ph.D. examination, when she was neither on the staff of the university nor his research collaborator. He only admitted this when confronted by his department head and dean of the faculty (who is not a politician).

If Dr. Chee disputed these statements, he should have sued the university for defamation. He did not. Instead, he alleged that the dean and head of department had fabricated and given false evi-

dence against him, including signed notes of meetings. When Dr. Chee refused to retract this statement and apologize, they sided with him. Dr. Chee said, "If my dismissal [against him] are true, my dismissal by [the university] would be justified." This is precisely what the courts will now decide.

Mr. Lewis insinuates that the Singapore courts will not decide Dr. Chee's case impartially on the basis of the law and the facts. He is not the first to do so. In 1986, J. B. Jayaraman, an opposition politician, alleged executive interference in the judiciary. Parliament convened a select committee, sitting in televised public session, to enable him to bring evidence to substantiate his allegations. The committee could not do so. In 1985 and 1989, The Asian Wall Street Journal made similar allegations of judicial bias. Twice they were cited for contempt of court, paid the fines and apologized in court.

GOH KIM LEONG,  
Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Information and the Arts,  
Singapore.

Mexico's Tarascans

Richard Critchfield's opinion column on Mexican immigrants (July 8) was interesting. But Italians would be surprised to learn that Huacabco and the lake region are inhabited by Tarascans. The inhabitants are, of course, Tarascans, or, as they call themselves, Purpecha, or, as they call themselves, Purpecha. The pure Tarascans are not confined to the lake islands. The state of Michoacan is very large, extending all the way to the Pacific, and there are thousands of Tarascans, pure and mixed, in the state. Note also that, like most Tarascan place-names, the stress on Huacabco falls on the antepenult.

JOHN N. SEAMAN,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

One Who Won't Be There In the Normandy Dunes

By John C. Anseland

OSLO — Everyone I talk to these days assumes I will be going to the D-Day ceremonies in Normandy next year. Perhaps it is because I have been writing about the war now for more than a year. They are wrong, though. This is because I do not want, as in 1984, to stand around in the sand dunes for hours waiting for a king, queens and presidents to arrive. Also, it is no fun to speed by some locale just because you

union. As the veterans get older, it is harder and harder to get them to travel. Nevertheless, by the end of a hundred 4th Infantry Division veterans signed up. Multiply this by the profusion of units, and you conclude that there will be as many at the ceremony as there were during the initial hours of the landing. This year Galaxy is also offering passage on the Queen Elizabeth II to England. Veterans who take advantage of this will travel in somewhat more comfort than those of us who crossed in the old Elizabeth during the war, when it carried more than 15,000.

For those who want to make the Chananel crossing in comfort this time, Peter T. McLean Ltd. in New Orleans is offering a short but expensive cruise on the Norwegian luxury yacht Black Prince. On board will be Stephen E. Ambrose and Forrest Pogue, biographers of Eisenhower and Marshall, to give briefings. The brochure says that the night before the landing "there will be dancing and 1940s entertainment aboard ship." Without begrudging my well-heeled comrades a little fun, this strikes me as an incongruous way to commemorate that historic evening.

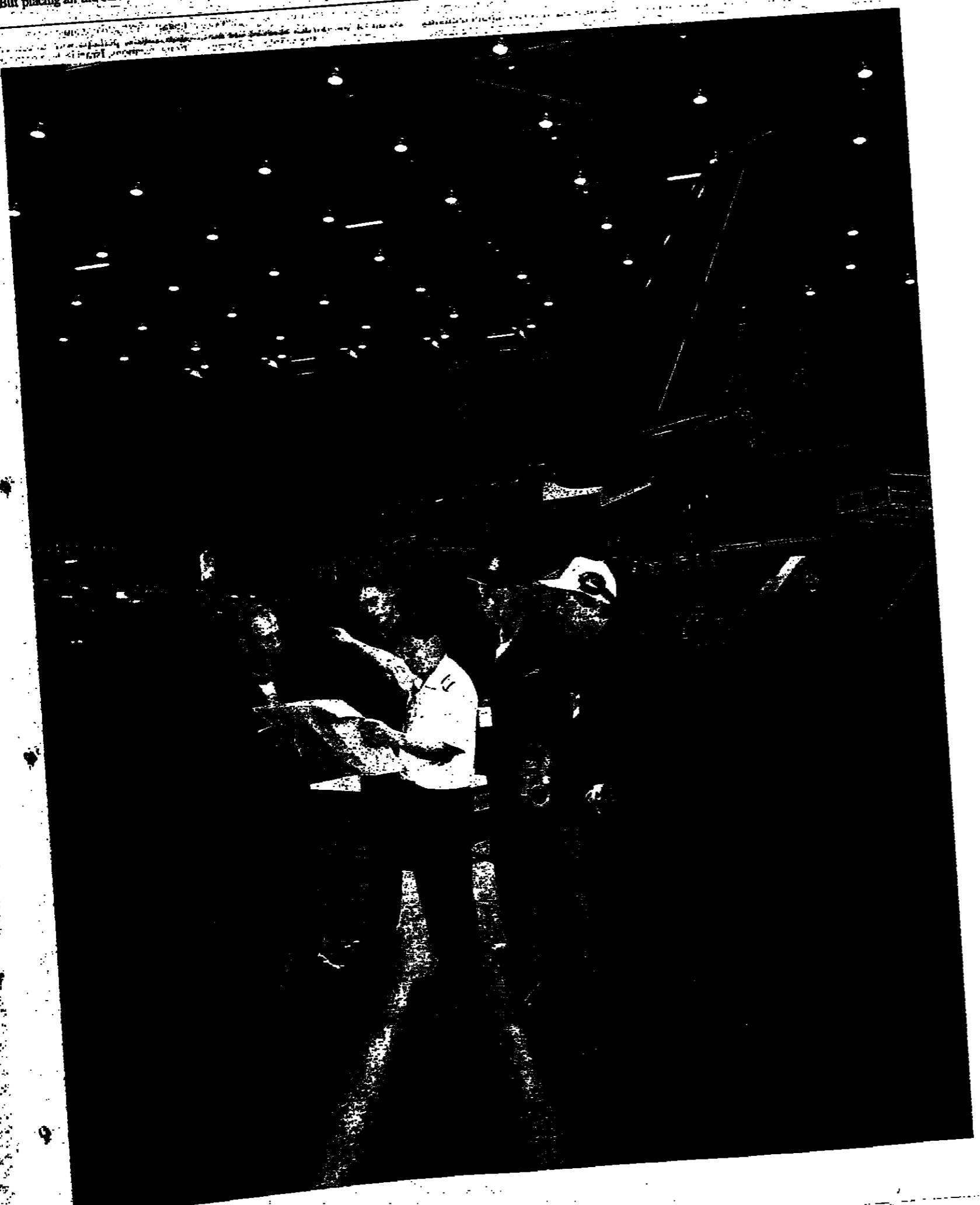
On another front, it now looks as though we will be spared a quarrel over whether Chancellor Helmut Kohl should be invited to the June 6 ceremony. The Foreign Ministry in Bonn has put out the word unofficially that he does not want an invitation.

If so, that takes the pressure off for now. But it does not settle the matter. We shall see how the German media will deal with June 6 and the series of annual ceremonies that will roll across Europe until the 50th anniversary of VE-Day.

All this leaves me ambivalent. As a veteran, I would not be comfortable to see Chancellor Kohl at the ceremonies. There are simply too many offensive memories of the war. On the other hand, after many years in the Foreign Service working in and on Germany, I feel it is time to declare the war over.

Many of us have appreciated the statement by President Richard von Weizsäcker that Germans should think in terms of having been liberated from the Nazi tyranny. Unfortunately, the statement has not had many echoes. Numerous Frenchmen, Belgians and Luxembourgers, both during and since the war, have thanked me, sometimes with tears in their eyes, for helping liberate their countries. I do not recall any German ever doing this.

The 50th anniversary will be the World War II generation's last hurrah. Accepting the post of president of the association for the next year, William A. Merola noted that his successor would be from the Vietnam generation. International Herald Tribune.



THIS SIA  
**ENGINEER WORKS IN SEATTLE.**  
He hasn't slipped away unnoticed. And he is certainly not on holiday. For Ivan Neo's job is as tough as it is vital. He has to ensure that every new plane we get from Boeing is built exactly as ordered. He has to examine every piece of fuselage as well as every emergency light. And see that the configuration of every cabin is as precise as the position of every electrical wire. Our man in Seattle must have an eagle's eyes, a piano tuner's ears and a philosopher's concentration. As well as the adaptability of a chameleon, more than 8,000 miles from his home. Such attention to detail is perhaps most often noticed in the inflight service even other airlines talk about. In truth, it starts with engineers like Ivan Neo. And it never ends. **SINGAPORE AIRLINES**  
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# NYSE

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Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

12 Month High	Low	Stock	12 Month High	Low	Stock
100.00	98.00	IBM	100.00	98.00	IBM
120.00	118.00	Microsoft	120.00	118.00	Microsoft
150.00	145.00	Oracle	150.00	145.00	Oracle
180.00	175.00	Sun	180.00	175.00	Sun
200.00	195.00	Lucent	200.00	195.00	Lucent
250.00	245.00	Motorola	250.00	245.00	Motorola
300.00	295.00	Rockwell	300.00	295.00	Rockwell
350.00	345.00	Boeing	350.00	345.00	Boeing
400.00	395.00	McDonald's	400.00	395.00	McDonald's
450.00	445.00	Wendy's	450.00	445.00	Wendy's
500.00	495.00	Arby's	500.00	495.00	Arby's
550.00	545.00	Jack-in-the-Box	550.00	545.00	Jack-in-the-Box
600.00	595.00	Carl's Jr.	600.00	595.00	Carl's Jr.
650.00	645.00	Domino's	650.00	645.00	Domino's
700.00	695.00	Papa John's	700.00	695.00	Papa John's
750.00	745.00	Wendy's	750.00	745.00	Wendy's
800.00	795.00	Arby's	800.00	795.00	Arby's
850.00	845.00	Jack-in-the-Box	850.00	845.00	Jack-in-the-Box
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 The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 8,923.75, down 12.25 points from the previous session. The S&P 500 index fell 15.50 points to 2,815.75. The NYSE volume was 3.1 billion shares, with 1.2 billion in foreign exchange.  
**COMMODITIES**  
 Oil prices rose to \$21.50 per barrel. Gold prices fell to \$380 per ounce. The price of wheat rose to \$4.50 per bushel. The price of soybeans fell to \$10.50 per bushel.  
**CURRENCY**  
 The dollar strengthened against the yen, with the yen trading at 148.50 per dollar. The dollar also strengthened against the British pound, with the pound trading at 1.65 per dollar.  
**BONDS**  
 Treasury bonds fell to 101.50. The price of 10-year Treasury notes fell to 102.50. The price of 30-year Treasury bonds fell to 103.50.

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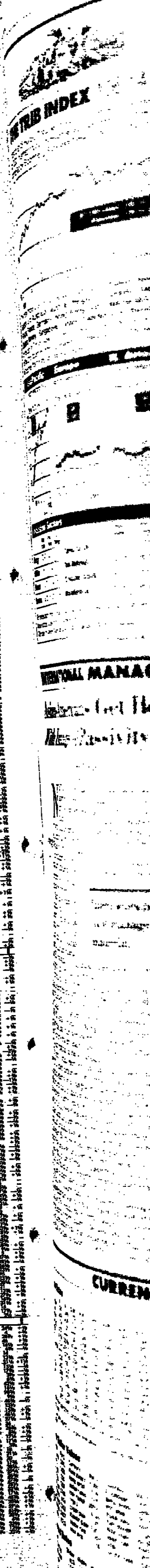
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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Lower Rates Push Stocks to a Record

NEW YORK — Signs of falling interest rates worldwide, combined with risk demand at the Treasury's note auction and a report showing strong semiconductor sales in July, drove U.S. stocks to record highs on Wednesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had fallen 3.35 points on Tuesday, gained 10.62 to 3,583.35, above the previous high of 3,576.08.

Standard & Poor's 500 Index climbed 1.01 to 450.46, paced by beverages, semiconductor, general retail stores, and electric utilities.

The Nasdaq Composite Index, led by Intel Corp., gained 1.69 to a record 718.77, squeaking past its old high of 718.49, also set on Monday.

Stocks opened higher following rallies in European stock markets and a report showing semiconductor sales remained robust in July, breaking the traditional pattern of summer sluggishness.

U.S. shares advanced a further 0.30 points in the day, when the Treasury's sale of \$16.5 billion in 10-year notes drew brisk demand.

YEN: Old Problems Grab Spotlight

Continued from Page 1. ness lobby, Keidanren, echoed the thought, saying Wednesday that the government should take urgent steps to expand domestic demand and open its markets.

The economic scene is likely to get tighter. Some traders see the yen rising to 100 to the dollar in the near term, a pair of sorts that would mark a historic step in Japan's postwar expansion.

Paradoxically, though, the yen's rise is not so much a reflection of Japan's strength as its weakness.

The yen is also being supported by investors fleeing European currencies and looking for a haven after the relaxation of Europe's current grid last week.

Comments from U.S. officials that a strong yen is welcome as a means of reducing the trade surplus also contributed to the currency's rise, especially this spring.

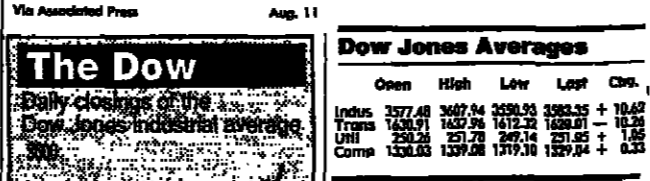
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Court Clears TWA Reorganization. WILMINGTON, Delaware (Bloomberg) — Trans World Airlines Inc. received U.S. Bankruptcy Court confirmation Wednesday of its reorganization plan that will trim \$4 billion in debt.

Johnson & Johnson to Cut Payroll. NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey (APF) — Johnson & Johnson announced Wednesday it was offering employees at its headquarters a voluntary early-retirement program.

Federated Up, but Woolworth Down. NEW YORK (UPI) — Federated Department Stores reported Wednesday that it had moved back to profit in the second-quarter, while the retail giant Woolworth reported an earnings decline.

Corn and Soybeans Hit by Weather. WASHINGTON (AP) — Excessive moisture in the western Corn Belt and drought in the Southeast will reduce corn and soybean yields this year, farm analysts say.

China Firm Enters U.S. Home Field. MIDDLETOWN, New York (Bloomberg) — Kings Developers said Wednesday it would build and market an affordable housing complex with China State Construction & Engineering Co. in what is believed to be the first joint venture of its kind within the United States.

For the Record. Canada's composite index, the government's chief economic-forecasting indicator, rose by 0.6 percent in July in a continuation of a year-long advance.

Turner Broadcasting System Inc. reported Wednesday second-quarter earnings of \$31.1 million, off 10 percent from earnings of \$34.7 million in the same period a year ago.

MCI Communications Corp. said Daniel F. Akerson planned to leave as president and chief operating officer.

RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. boosted the size of its preferred stock sale to \$1.25 billion from \$1 billion, the third expansion.

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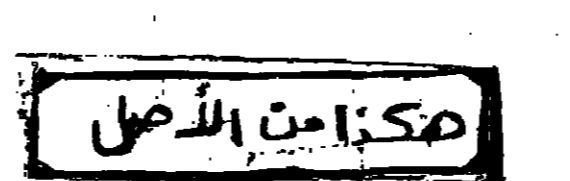
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# Russia Incurs Wrath of IMF

## Fyodorov Sees Ruble Move Causing Aid Delay

MOSCOW — The International Monetary Fund, upset by the Russian central bank's surprise decision last month to invalidate pre-1993 rubles, has held up a \$1.5 billion credit for Russia, Finance Minister Boris G. Fyodorov said Wednesday.

Mr. Fyodorov, who strongly opposed the central bank's decision, said he feared that aid from other organizations and governments might also be held up.

He said, for example, he was "extremely concerned" that the \$28.4 billion aid package agreed on at the Tokyo summit by the G-7 group of leading industrial nations might be "delayed and the considerable sums which we expected to receive may not arrive at all."

"International organizations are in no hurry to send missions, discuss issues, or they're on holiday," he said. "Where before we had been able to come to some sort of mutual understanding and speed up certain processes, today it's very obvious that everything is going much slower and will take much more time."

Regarding the IMF reaction to the ruble move, Mr. Fyodorov said the organization had "expressed, to put it mildly, incomprehensibility at that policy and expressed anxiety about the whole package of economic cooperation."

Russian authorities had planned to apply the \$1.5 billion to the country's federal budget deficit, reducing the need for inflationary currency moves to cover government spending programs.

"We counted on receiving it in the second half of September," Mr. Fyodorov said. He said that if Moscow can repair its relations with the IMF, it might get the funds in October or November.

Speaking about the economy, Mr. Fyodorov said he saw encouraging signs that Russia's financial situation was stabilizing after months of chaos.

He said that the central bank's foreign-currency reserves had reached roughly \$5 billion, enough to back 75 percent of Russia's rubles in circulation, or one-third of the total money supply. (UPI, AP)

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AMSTERDAM — Hoogovens NV announced Wednesday a sharp widening of its loss in the first half, but the result was better than expected and the steel and aluminum maker's stock price gained.

Hoogovens' net loss of 189 million guilders (\$98.4 million) was far wider than the 49 million guilders it had in the first half of 1992.

But brokers said that most of the worsening was due to extraordinary items and that the loss was smaller than market forecasts of around 203 million guilders. Hoogovens said it expected its loss from operations to narrow in the second half.

Its shares were up 4.80 guilders at 51.30 on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange by the close.

Hoogovens said sales for the first six months were down 11 percent to 3.5 billion guilders. The trouble was mainly in its aluminum division, which had a first-half loss of 128 million guilders, up from 58 million guilders a year earlier.

Steel sales in the first half fell 7 percent to 1.924 billion guilders, from 2.068 billion guilders a year earlier, and were down 9.4 percent from 2.124 billion guilders in the 1992 second half.

The steel division's operating loss shrank to 70 million guilders from 76 million guilders a year earlier, and 158 million guilders in the 1992 second half.

Hoogovens said its first-half net loss excluding extraordinary items was smaller than the 183 million guilders it had recorded in the second half of 1992.

The company also announced price increases for laminated steel of 35 guilders to 40 guilders a ton effective Oct. 1 and about 50 guilders a ton effective Jan. 1.

Hoogovens took a net charge of 25 million guilders, mainly for restructuring. The charge would have been greater without a one-time gain related to a decision to end its pension payments as part of an agreement with its steelworkers. (AFX, AFP, Bloomberg)

### Investor's Europe

Exchange	Index	Wednesday Close	Prev. Close	% Change
Amsterdam	CBS Trend	127.10	124.60	+2.01
Brussels	Stock Index	6,845.26	6,828.88	+0.24
Frankfurt	DAX	1,565.80	1,565.16	+0.03
Frankfurt	FAZ	726.35	725.06	+0.18
Helsinki	HEX	1,385.64	1,390.85	-0.36
London	Financial Times 30	2,378.90	2,360.10	+0.80
London	FTSE 100	3,006.10	2,971.60	+1.16
Madrid	General Index	273.55	270.85	+1.00
Milan	MIB	1,296.00	1,296.00	Unch.
Paris	CAC 40	2,167.39	2,139.78	+1.29
Stockholm	Affaersvaerden	1,533.40	1,507.54	+1.72
Vienne	Stock Index	431.58	432.08	-0.12
Zurich	SBS	832.00	827.00	+0.60

Sources: Reuters, AFP, International Herald Tribune

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STOCKHOLM — SKF AB, the Swedish maker of ball bearings, said Wednesday that its second-quarter loss had narrowed as a result of rationalization, prompting investors to buy the stock.

The shares rose to 115 kronor from 112 after the company reported that its loss in the second quarter had narrowed to 114 million kronor (\$14.3 million), from 255 million in the first quarter. The company said it was benefiting from a cost-cutting program which was implemented in the autumn of 1990.

SKF said its loss for the first half had widened to 469 million kronor from 194 million a year ago. The company said that the loss had been aggravated by the depreciation last year of the krona as well as by a currency-exchange loss on a bond that was denominated in European Currency Units.

SKF said sales in the first half edged up to 14.5 billion kronor from 14 billion a year ago, but noted that they had fallen 8 percent as adjusted for the currency's depreciation. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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BUDAPEST — Alexander C. Tomlinson, president of the Hungarian-American Enterprise Fund, has resigned and at the same time complained that U.S. congressional meddling paralyzed the lending organization he helped establish.

It is one of a half-dozen nonprofit organizations funded by the U.S. Congress since 1989 to provide assistance to free-market enterprise in Eastern Europe.

Mr. Tomlinson, a retired First Boston executive, resigned on Monday to become the latest casualty in a series of skirmishes among representatives of the U.S. government and the boards of the funds, which were appointed under President George Bush.

Mr. Tomlinson's departure comes as President Bill Clinton's State Department reads entering funds for Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

The Hungarian fund has come under attack from Representative David R. Obey, Democrat of Wisconsin, chair of the subcommittee on foreign operations of the House Appropriations Committee, which has frozen its final \$13.5 million grant and expressed a lack of confidence in its management.

In his resignation letter, Mr. Tomlinson contended that Mr. Obey requested changes at the fund that would have the effect of subjecting its investment decisions to prior scrutiny by Mr. Obey's staff.

The fund chairman, John C. Whitehead, a deputy secretary of state under President Ronald Reagan, expressed regret over Mr. Tomlinson's resignation.

The immediate contention between Mr. Obey and Mr. Tomlinson has centered on the fund's creation last April of a \$4 million investment-banking affiliate called EurAmerica Capital Corp., which paid its managers upwards of \$300,000 apiece.

# DISPUTE: France Rejects Delay

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Central parities by no more than 2.25 percent last week, all but Germany and the Netherlands proved to allow their currencies 15 percent bands as an emergency measure to put down rampant speculation.

Economists and currency traders were quick to disagree, however. Hung Tran, managing director of research at Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt, said economic recovery and lower interest rates would indeed make a return to narrower bands possible.

"What would be ideal would be for everyone to cut interest rates sharply at the same time," he said.

Although that would quicken the return to growth on the Continent, economists see little hope of Europe's leaders sanctioning such a move.

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The Bundesbank's policy-making council will meet on Aug. 26.

Bucking the trend toward lower rates, Belgium's three largest commercial banks announced Wednesday that they would increase their key commercial lending rates in response to rising market interest rates. Knight-Ridder reported from Brussels.

Generale Bank, Belgium's largest bank, will raise its credit de caisse rate — used for commercial overdrafts — one percentage point to 13 percent, from Friday. Its discount rate will also be raised to 11.75 percent from 10.75 percent. Banque Bruxelles Lambert and Kredietbank will raise their credit de caisse and discount rates by the same amount from Thursday. (Reuters, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, AP)

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FRANKFURT — German politicians on the supervisory board of Volkswagen AG on Wednesday reaffirmed their backing of the carmaker's production chief, José Ignacio López de Arriortua.

The premier of Lower Saxony, Gerhard Schröder, said the board knew that Mr. López brought personal papers from GM, but it concluded that accusations of industrial espionage were unjustified.

Otto Lambsdorff, economics spokesman of the Free Democrats, said the board was convinced that no General Motors Corp. documents had turned up at VW after Mr. López switched jobs in March. VW has admitted that former GM officials now working for VW had possessed sensitive documents, but claimed these had been destroyed.

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MADRID — The number of unemployed workers in Spain decreased in July by 23,572, or 0.9 percent, from June, the Labor Ministry announced Wednesday.

The new jobless figure is 2.5 million, representing 16.4 percent of the work force. The ministry said, Spain has two ministries keeping track of unemployment, and the Labor Ministry figure is usually lower than that of the Economy Ministry.

Analysts noted that July generally brings a decline in the number of people seeking jobs, but this year's reduction was smaller than noted in previous years.

# NASDAQ

Wednesday's Prices  
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the A.F. consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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150	130	1.50	4.50	18	140	120	DEF	+1.50
200	180	2.00	5.00	20	190	170	GHI	+2.50
250	230	2.50	5.50	22	240	220	JKL	+3.00
300	280	3.00	6.00	25	290	270	MNO	+3.50
350	330	3.50	6.50	28	340	320	PQR	+4.00
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500	480	5.00	8.00	35	490	470	YZA	+5.50
550	530	5.50	8.50	38	540	520	BCD	+6.00
600	580	6.00	9.00	40	590	570	EFG	+6.50
650	630	6.50	9.50	42	640	620	HIJ	+7.00
700	680	7.00	10.00	45	690	670	KLM	+7.50
750	730	7.50	10.50	48	740	720	NOP	+8.00
800	780	8.00	11.00	50	790	770	QRS	+8.50
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Investors at the Bat

WASHINGTON — Unlike most baseball fans, I am much more impressed with the money involved than how the game is played. My biggest thrill this year was to read that the Baltimore Orioles were sold for \$173 million. When I was a kid I never dreamed they would go for more than \$110 million.



The only one I know who feels the same way is Michael Potts, and at the last game our conversation went something like this. Michael said, "Here comes Arnie Peters. He got a million five on signing his contract, and he gets a \$50,000 bonus every time he bunts the ball."

I replied, "He's hitting .132 and he's in a slump. Do you think he'll have to take a cut in salary?" On the contrary, his contract calls for him to get a new Mercedes Benz if he goes hitless for 30 games.

Peters struck out Chowder, and Kissam came to the plate. Michael turned to me and said, "Did you hear about Kissam? He traded all his baseball cards for Mexican earthworms and now he has more money than David Letterman."

"If that doesn't put him in the Hall of Fame, nothing will. I once saw Kissam hit three home runs in this park, and while he was rounding the bases, management tore up his contract on the scoreboard." I told him, "Kissam hit a long fly to left field."

A Look at the Bright Side

WEGGIS, Switzerland — A new Swiss magazine plans to report only positive news. The German-language publication Die Positive aims to rejuvenate newspaper and magazine readers who have had more than their fill of depressing and worrying news. The first issue, to appear Thursday, will have stories about pleasant music, plants with healing properties and success.

where it was caught by Torrey Eberhardt, who owns a string of Sirlon and Jelly Doughnut restaurants. Torrey threw the ball to Boob Victor, the half-owner of Victor's Secret men's underwear shops. "Did you hear that Georgie Pile will not get a bonus this year?" Michael asked. "Why not?" "He tossed a hand grenade into the stands and wiped out six bleacher fans. George apologized at a press conference, saying he was just having a good time. But the baseball commissioner took a very serious view of the incident and ruled that Georgie would not be entitled to frequent-flyer mileage on his team's air trips for a month."

Deadeye Frobisher came up to bat. He spit tobacco on home plate. Then he spit on the catcher. Finally, he spit on the umpire, who threw him out of the game. Michael said, "He keeps doing that every time he comes to bat. I don't know why they pay him \$3 million a year."

I said, "I guess they're hoping someday he'll run out of chewing tobacco and save the game." "Here comes Hog. I read in the Wall Street Journal that he has all his money tied up in municipal bonds. I can't understand why someone who is batting .390 would be so conservative with his money."

Michael wondered why his winter bonus when he was playing with Kansas City. His broker put him into IBM stock when it nose-dived into the sewer, and he won't go near the stock market again."

Hog swung at the ball, and it went sailing into the left-field stands — his 10th home run of the season. Michael waved his handkerchief and said, "Every time Hog hits one over the fence, he rides in a Brinks' truck around the bases."

It was an exciting game. Four \$1 million players struck out, and one designated hitter from the Fortune 500 got a triple. Emery Magnuson, the highest paid player in baseball, did not suit up because he had a board meeting at the Chase Manhattan Bank that he just bought from an outfielder with the New York Yankees.

The Spirit of a Chinese Cineaste

By David Tracey

SHANGHAI — Huang Shuqin wanted her new film to show Chinese audiences "how hard it is for a woman to struggle for her own life." Now she's struggling herself just to get it shown. The government has delayed the release of "The Spirit of a Woman Painter" because it has something never seen in a Chinese movie: naked bodies. By Western standards the nudes could hardly be more innocent. As models for the painter of the title, they're pure art. They also help explain the heroine's difficulty learning her craft in Shanghai in the early part of this century. When the authorities close her art school for using nude models, she paints the women at the public bath, the nudes of whom react violently.



Huang Shuqin, riding out a political storm.

The film is based on the true story of Pan Yu Liang, an accomplished artist and professor who struggled for her own life after being sold into prostitution at the age of 13. Gong Li, China's hottest actress following rave reviews for her work in films from "Red Sorghum" to "The Story of Qiu Ju," plays the artist.

Huang has worked on "The Spirit of a Woman Painter" for five years. Having it stalled at the finish line by a government determined to dictate moral and artistic standards would seem vexing, but she takes it in stride. Apparently she knows how to ride out a political storm.

Interviewed in her apartment at the Shanghai Film Studio, Huang explained through an interpreter how she graduated through art school in 1964, two years before the chaos of the Cultural Revolution. Although she managed to shoot some valuable black and white footage of Shanghai's rival political factions battling in the streets, she spent most of the time assigned to a farm in the countryside. Now she barely strugs as she calls the experience, "a waste of almost 14 years of my life."

It wasn't until 1981 that Huang was allowed to direct her first film. Her fourth feature in 1985, "International Movement," was China's first action movie. Since this came before the popular flood of action movies from Hong Kong and Taiwan, Huang says, "We just used our own imagination. The result was successful enough to inspire another first for Chinese movies: the ticket scalper. Now 'The Spirit of a Woman Painter,' if released in the version Huang insists is necessary to tell the story, will break ground again. So far she has refused to cut the nude scenes. "If I did, it wouldn't be a complete movie. I know it's a big step, but it's actually nothing special. But, in fact, it's actually nothing special. These things should have been settled long ago."

The controversy comes at a time when the Shanghai film industry is in flux. Once the Hollywood of China, the city has never reaped its cinematic spark of the 1930s. Then Communist screenwriters and capitalist producers combined to make hit films that celebrated the dignity of the poor and oppressed.

Since the revolution in 1949, the government has kept the Shanghai Film Studio on a short leash, and it's 20-odd releases a year have tended to mirror the political trends of the time. With Shanghai now fascinated by market economics, the trend is toward independently funded films, typically joint ventures with companies in Hong Kong or Taiwan.

Huang was able to secure Gong for "The Spirit of a Woman Painter" because half the film's budget comes from Taiwan.

However, in a setback to the Chinese film industry, the Beijing authorities last week banned "Farewell to My Concubine," which shared the top prize at the Cannes film festival this year. The film's release and distribution were halted without explanation.

The resurgence in Chinese cinema has come from Beijing. Its "fifth generation" directors (those who started after the Cultural Revolution) continue to reap awards at international film festivals. One of their favorite topics, the evocative countryside life in the north, is geographically and culturally a world apart from Shanghai. Huang thinks that may be just as well.

"The 'fifth generation' has found a way of expressing themselves that the public accepts. But I'll never follow their example. I'm from Shanghai. I was born and raised here. The city is all I know."

Huang also thinks that the city could become the next big theme for Chinese cinema, one that could even bring Shanghai films back to some of their former glory. "If Shanghai filmmakers are ever going to be successful again, they're going to have to find their own way of expressing themselves. The way the 'fifth generation' does. Maybe it could be with films set in here from the countryside, so it has to be an important theme."

As if all the fuss over nudity wasn't enough, Huang says she's now interested in making a historical epic about the Cultural Revolution. She might even use some of the scenes she shot in the 1960s.

"At that time, our country had no TV system, so it was the responsibility of film people to record history. There's no way to recapture the atmosphere of that time now. They tried in 'The Last Emperor,' but they didn't get it right."

David Tracey is a free-lance writer living in Japan.

Fed Up With Dinosaurs

"I've had it with dinosaurs," said Sam Neill, the paleontologist-star of "Jurassic Park," on his arrival in Wellington for the movie's premiere in New Zealand. He said that after a year of close involvement with dinosaurs, he was ready for a vacation. However, he won't rule out a "Jurassic Park 2." "The thing has been so colossally successful that I imagine there will be a great deal of pressure from the powers-that-be to make another one. Whether or not they pick on me is another thing altogether."

Pete Townshend, the former Who member, threw a fit — he called it the "definitive artist's tantrum" — when he was unable to present his rock opera "Psychobunny" at the Great Woods Performance Center in Massachusetts. Instead, he was told to scrap most of the rock opera, but returned to give a galvanizing performance, playing for three hours nonstop.

Walter Cronkite, 76, is coming back to television. The former CBS-TV news anchorman will make a 13-part series about the Nordic countries for U.S. viewers. "Many Americans wonder what Scandinavia really is," Claus Jacobsen, the Danish producer, said in Copenhagen. "That is what Cronkite will describe to them."

Martina Navratilova will put her inside's knowledge into play for Villard Books. The tennis star will co-author three mystery novels about the women's professional tennis circuit with the novelist Liz Nickles.

Tom Hayden, true to his activist past, married the actress Barbara Williams on a beach near Claycoquet Sound, on Vancouver Island, a stone's throw away from an anti-logging protest. "Marriage is similar to old-growth forest — you have to be especially loving and vigilant to help it survive and grow."

Children of the '60s might remember Burt Ward, the Robin of the campy Batman television series. Now Ward is putting some juicy background notes on the series into a book called "Boy Wonder: My Life in Tights." Ward plans to detail, for instance, the time guest star Shelley Long tried to lure him into her dressing room and have him read aloud from the book "The Delights of Older Women."

President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic has bought a large house in Prague. His spokesman confirmed the sale but said that the price (reportedly 40 million crowns, or \$1.3 million) was exaggerated.

Before Watergate drove him from office, President Richard Nixon made careful plans for a grandiose departure from the White House — a state funeral whose pomp would include "California, Here I Come" played as a dirge. The plans were discovered by the Watergate historian Stanley Kessler in the National Archives, Vanity Fair says.

Pam Seals, 37, the new love in Burt Reynolds' life, probably appeals to him because she's a "down-to-earth" woman and is definitely no gold digger, says her attorney, Joseph H. Farnsworth. He said Seals, a bar manager in south Tampa, Florida, is feeling overwhelmed by her newfound celebrity. Reynolds, 57, recently announced plans to divorce his wife, Loni Anderson, 47.

Russians are getting what they asked for. After bombarding him with requests for a visit, Michael Jackson has acquiesced. The superstar will take his "Dangerous" tour to Moscow on Sept. 15.

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Forecast for Friday through Sunday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

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Table with weather forecasts for North America, including High/Low temperatures and precipitation chances for cities like New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Table with weather forecasts for Asia, Africa, and Latin America, including High/Low temperatures and precipitation chances for various regions.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a solution to a puzzle from August 11.

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